GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1210
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SHORTAGE OF OFFICIALS IN A.M.L.
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is still shortage of officials in the Army Medical core;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to recruit the prescribed number of officials in the Army Medical core and upgrading the Army Hospitals as well;

(d) the details of places including Pune, where upgradation work of Army Hospitals is in progress; and

(e) the details of upgradation work being undertaken there?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1210 1.3.2001

At present there is a shortage of only 203 officers in a total authorised strength of 5363 officers in Army Medical Corps.

(I) The following measures are being taken by Government in the interest of adequate recruitment to the AMC:-

(i) Grant of Short Service Commission in the AMC to civilian doctors through advertisement given in the leading Newspapers. Selection interviews for grant of commission are being held at New Delhi, annually.

(ii) Grant of Permanent Commission to the MBBS graduates, passing out from Armed Forces Medical College, Pune in January anc July sessions each year.

(iii) Grant of Short Service Commission to civilian Doctors, who obtain Post Graduate Degree/Diploma from Armed Forces Medica College, Pune, and other Defence Services Hospitals.

(II) The following work has been undertaken for upgradation of Army Hospitals:-

Five years` comprehensive plan, covering the period 2001 to 2005 for construction of hospital project, pertaining to the five commands, has been prepared and prioritised. This plan includes 12 hospitals for the year 2001-2002, 29 hospital projects for 2002-2003 and 34 hospital projects for 2003-2005.

The details of places, including Pune, where upgradation of Army Hospitals is in progress and the details of upgradation of work being undertaken is as under:-

(i) Military Hospital Chennai: 28% construction of Phase I of Military Hospital Chennai has been completed.

(ii) Military Hospital Jabalpur: Construction of Phase I is nearing completion.

(iii) Command Hospital (Southern Command) Pune: Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the new multistoreyed moderr hospital complex, operation theatre and accommodation, including accommodation of essential categories of staff of the hospital has been completed.

(iv) 166 Military Hospital: Phase II work is in progress.